

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the specification and claims and the remarks presented herein.

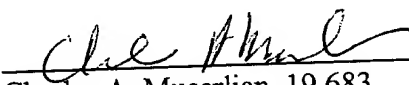
The claims in the application are claims 34 to 42 and 49 to 56, all other claims having been cancelled. It should be noted that the Examiner indicated that claims 34 to 42 and 49 to 53 would be allowable if the formal rejections were overcome.

Applicants have amended the specification to insert a description of all of the drawings and Applicants are filing herewith another statement concerning the sequence listing which corrects the typographical error in the one filed on February 5, 2004.

The amendments to claims 43 to 48 obviate the Examiner's rejection based on 35 USC 112. The present amendment obviates the Examiner's rejections to claims 34 to 53 and the cancellation of claims 43 and 44 obviate the Examiner's objections thereto. Claim 49 has been amended to obviate the Examiner's rejection thereto. Therefore, the amended claims are believed to properly define the invention and withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is requested.

In view of the amendments to the specification and claims and the above remarks,  
it is believed that the application is now in condition for acceptance and favorable  
reconsideration of the application is requested.

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